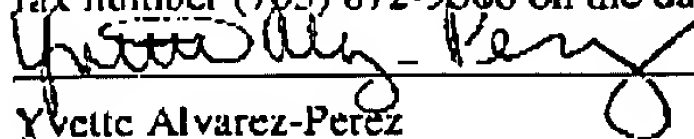


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated September 24, 2003, for which a reply was due on December 24, 2003 and for which a three-month extension of time is requested to extend the time for response from December 24, 2003 to March 24, 2004. A Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) with an appropriate extension fee is enclosed. To permit Examiner time to respond to this Amendment, Applicants have filed a Notice of Appeal concurrently.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

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